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This year's county committee election will be conducted for that part of Kern County located in the Greenfield, South Bakersfield areas, (Local Administrative Area (LAA-3))

If you own and/or operate cropland in that area, you should watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early next month. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in LAA-3 sometime in December. If for some reason you don't receive a ballot, feel free to notify the county FSA office.

County committee members are a critical component of FSA operations, so please be sure to return your voted ballot timely.

2013 DCP Final Payments

Farm Loan Staff:

Tom Hunton, Senior Loan
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DCP payments for 2013 will be issued after Oct. 1, 2013. These payments will be deposited directly into participating producers' bank accounts.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will

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automatically subtract those amounts from the October Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program payments.

Next County Committee

Meeting: December 12,
2013 at 9:00 AM

2014 Acreage Reporting Dates

Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For all crops, including NAP crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the deadline for each crop. For exact deadlines on certifications for each type of crop and late-filed acreage reporting provisions, call the county office for information. Below is a list of reporting dates for some 2014 crops:

September 30, 2013....Value Loss Crops (aquaculture, flowers)

December 15, 2013....Perennial Forage, including **Native Grass, Alfalfa, Bermuda, Klein**, etc.

January 2, 2014..... Honey

January 15, 2014.....Lemons, Oranges, other Citrus, Potatoes and **Sugar Beets**

March 15, 2014.....Fall Barley, Spring Oats, Fall Alfalfa seed and **Wheat**

June 15, 2014.....Forage seeding (annually planted spring seeded forage: rye grass, **sudan**)

July 15, 2014.....Corn, Cotton, Tomatoes, Grain Sorghum, Onions, Safflower, Spring Alfalfa & other crops

2013 Reporting of Fall Seeded Crops

All producers are reminded that the acreage reporting date for 2014 fall seeded crops is November 15, 2013. This applies to all fall seeded crops including winter wheat. If fall seeded crops are not planted by November 15, producers have 15 days from the time of planting to report to FSA with no late fee applied. Please call for an appointment to certify your wheat crop.

NAP Coverage Deadlines

Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee MUST be filed by the crop sales closing date. Contact your local FSA office for the filing dates for your crops.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program.

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an

estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

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